

2000-1 INTERSECT (MPU-O)

27 Jan 22

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DEMONSTRATION ANTICIPATED JAN 28 – 29

References: A. “Planned Truck Demonstration 28-29 January in Ottawa” email from ‘Intersect@ottawapolice.ca’, 21 Jan 2022 (notal).  
B. “Planned Truck Demonstration 28-29 January in Ottawa” email from ‘Intersect@ottawapolice.ca’, 24 Jan 2022 (notal).  
C. MS Teams Meeting with INTERSECT, January meeting and follow on Planned Truck Demonstration 28-29 January in Ottawa meeting, 27 Jan 2022, 09:30 hrs.  
D. “Update on Planned Truck Demonstration starting on 28 January in Ottawa”, 26 Jan 2022 (notal)  
E. “Update on Planned Truck Demonstration 28-30 January in Ottawa”, 26 Jan 2022 (notal)  
F. “Update on Planned Truck Demonstration 28 January in Ottawa”, 26 Jan 2022 (notal)  
G. “Trucker Convoy Heading to Parliament Hill on Saturday, 29 January”.  
H. MS Teams Meeting with INTERSECT, Planned Truck Demonstration 28-29 January in Ottawa, 27 Jan 2022, 12:00 hrs.

BACKGROUND

1. Operation INTERSECT is the multijurisdictional emergency preparedness program within the National Capital Region (NCR). The program was launched in 2008 and was designed to enhance emergency management and preparedness initiative in the NCR. It is co-chaired by the Ottawa Police Service (OPS), the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and the City of Gatineau. The main goals of Op INTERSECT is to collaborate on all hazards and emergency preparedness issues. It fosters an inclusive program that enhances situational awareness, leadership and builds resilience in hazard preparedness within the NCR.

ISSUE

2. On 21 and 24 January 2022, emails (Ref A & B) were received indicating that there are three convoys (West, East and South) meeting in the Toronto area, driving down the 401 highway on 27 January where the convoy will stop in Kingston. It is anticipated that it will move on to Arnprior on 28 January and then to Ottawa on 29 January with arrival at Parliament Hill for approximately 12:00 hrs, 29 Jan. The convoy is expected to slow traffic in the downtown area, but not block it. This is expected to have a major impact on the traffic flow in the NCR. The intent of the convoy is to have a peacefully demonstration without indications of hostility. This protest is in relation to the current COVID measures placed on the trucking / hauling industry with specific impacts to cross-border land transport with the United States.

3. Related demonstrations were observed as follows:

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- A. 19 January 2022, a group of truck drivers demonstrated at the US-Manitoba international border, blocking the highway and slowing traffic,
- B. 23 January 2022, a demonstration took place outside of Sarnia near the Canada border crossing slowing down traffic,
- C. 23 January 2022, the “West” convoy dubbed “The Convoy For Freedom 2022”, departed BC,
- D. 27 January 2022, the “South” convoy is anticipated to depart from Windsor, Ontario,
- E. 27 January 2022, the “East” convoy is anticipated to depart from Enfield, Nova Scotia, and
- F. 28 January 2022, trucks from the Montreal area are anticipated to travel down highway 40 and arrive into Ottawa by 12:00 hrs.

4. Further background information on the convoy is available on their website: <https://canada-unity.com/bearhug/>. They have raised over 5 million dollars on a Go Fund Me webpage, which has been subsequently put on hold until the organizers can determine how to spend the money. The exact number of participants with the convoy protest will remain fluid and is unknown and planning is taking place for a range of risks, including counter demonstrations, demonstrators breaking off from the main group to incite disorder, trucks blocking intersections, etc.

5. At 09:30 hrs, 27 January 2022, an INTERSECT MS Teams meeting (Ref C) occurred and the following was learned:

- A. This is a significant and fluid event,
- B. Traffic management has identified a plan and will have staging areas for the convoy,
- C. Police agencies are actively engaged with event organizers and they are cooperative,
- D. Once settled in place they will be a crowd management piece as they have said they will stay in place until the COVID mandate changes. This is not expected to end by Monday 31 Jan 2022,
- E. The convoy that is coming in from the West – will use Sir John A McDonald Parkway (SJAM),
- F. The maximum amount of vehicles allowed on SJAM is 2280,
- G. We will allow 38 trucks on KENT St,
- H. Metcalfe exit directed towards O Connor will hold 54 trucks,
- I. It is anticipated that some of the convoy will want to protest near the PM Residences – Montreal Rd exit – George Etienne Parkway,

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- J. The East bound Convoy will travel from – George Etienne Parkway through 417 and Aviation Parkway,
- K. George Etienne Parkway will be able to hold 200 trucks,
- L. Along King Edwards, vehicles will be allowed to take up space in curb lanes,
- M. Wellington St – will be shut between Elgin and Lion – 3 lanes for the trucks,
- N. Kent will be used as the ingress to Parliament and Bank as the egress,
- O. Off of Vanier the Jet Parking will be used as a parking lot for up to 800 trailers. Ottawa Taxi companies have been alerted to increase pickup in this area for the protesters to transit back and forth from Parliament Hill,
- P. 3000 trucks is the amount planned for,
- Q. Updates will be posted regarding traffic congestion at Ottawa police [plt@ottawapolice.ca](mailto:plt@ottawapolice.ca),
- R. 400 vehicles anticipated from the West Convoy and about 300 from the East,
- S. 2000 pers walking from Gatineau to Parliament Hill, and
- T. All hotels in Gatineau are full.

6. The INTERSECT meeting continued with less relevant information regarding the truck Convoy protest. No INTERSECT meeting will take place in August and they are still looking for someone to host the in-person meetings when COVID allows. An update was provided on the cyber-attacks on Global Affairs' systems. Currently it is listed as a level 3 incident. Not trending to a level 4, and it is isolated to Global Affairs' systems. On 24 Jan 2022, the Treasury Board indicated that all systems are serviceable. The threat Level remains MEDIUM (unconfirmed). A review is starting this week for spring floods however water levels are not indicating concern at this time. Health update – COVID 19; after school clinics are ongoing; 4<sup>th</sup> booster being administered to some at risk members and testing will be conducted for high risk settings. In Ottawa 87% of the population has their first COVID shot, 81% has both COVID shots and 43% have the third booster. Currently 95% of all COVID cases are OMNICRON and there are 3000 active cases in Ottawa. 98% of the acute hospital beds are in use, 83% of all ICU beds and 45% of all bed spaces with ventilators. There are currently 5 outbreaks in Ottawa. The number of COVID cases have peaked earlier in January, however in the last couple of days this is trending back upwards again. Since the beginning of the pandemic, it was noted that there have been a 60% increase in the number of over-dose cases in the emergency rooms and most of these are related to fentanyl. Cocaine use was also noted as having increased.

7. At 12:00 hrs 27 Jan 2022, a MS Teams Meeting with INTERSECT was held regarding the Planned Truck Demonstration 28-29 January in Ottawa. The following was learned:

- A. The Windsor convoy is currently consisting of 300 motor vehicles,
- B. The West convoy is consisting of 480 motor vehicles,
- C. The total number of vehicles currently on route to Ottawa is around 800, and
- D. It is anticipated that a smaller group will begin the protest around 12:00 hrs on 28 Jan 2022, a day earlier then the main convoy.

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8. The observations and information presented is intended for law enforcement and emergency planning purposes and should not be distributed beyond this community with a need to know. Questions on this can be directed to the undersigned.

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Attachments

Attachment A “Convoy Maps” Power Point Presentation, 27 January 2022.

Attachment B ITAC Threat Highlight, “CANADA: Extremists may attempt to seize the opportunity of public protest”, TH 22/08-A, 27 Jan 2022

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